



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2025

Please pray The Rosary for a revival of faith & prayer in our homes and return to mass.



Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am



KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Tues** – Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Sick) **Fri** – Ss Cyril and Methodius Patrons of Europe



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. Terence & Julia Farrelly & d.f.m.

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Mary & John Keane

Ecumenical Service: Sunday 16th February in Castlepollard Catholic Church @5.00pm. Preacher – Bishop Martin Hayes (Kilmore)

Sacraments: **Confirmation Tue 25th March 3pm Clonmellon** **First Holy Communion Sun 11th May 11.30am Clonmellon**

M.Fund offerings: Clonmellon Church BIC no. IE40BOFI9031 97286027 91.

Priest Offering Envelopes Clonmellon Church NO. 3 Ac. IE80 BOFI 9031 9777 1617 26.



Brwonstown Drama - "Dance The Night Away" -

Show dates : Friday 14th February 8pm, Saturday 15th February 8pm. Sunday Matinee 16th February 3pm, Tickets cost: Adults €15, Students €10 and children €5. You can pay at the door.



JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28TH JULY – 3RD AUGUST 2025 Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese of Meath to join with fellow young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis. As Pilgrims of Hope we will share in the week of scheduled events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! Cost €750 approx. including flights and accommodation. For more info contact the Parish Office or see www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth and the posters in the church porch.



POINTS TO PONDER

Sometimes we can have a strong sense of our own unworthiness when we are in the presence of the Lord. Several characters in the gospels express this sense of unworthiness before Jesus. John the Baptist expressed his unworthiness to baptise Jesus; the Roman centurion expressed his unworthiness to have Jesus come to his home. In this morning's gospel reading, Simon Peter expresses his unworthiness just to be in the presence of Jesus. Each of these characters felt that the gap between themselves and Jesus was so great that they simply weren't worthy to have him draw close to them. Yet, on each occasion, Jesus brushed aside the objection. He insisted on John baptising him; he insisted on going to the home of the Roman centurion; he insists to Simon Peter that he will not be departing from him. On the contrary, Simon Peter was called by Jesus to share intimately in his work of catching people, gathering people into God's kingdom. The Lord does not want our sense of unworthiness to become a block between himself and us. Yes, we are unworthy, but the Lord does not ask us to be worthy. Rather, he asks us to be willing, to be responsive to his will for our lives. His purpose for our lives is always so much more generous than the plans or purposes we might have for ourselves. Like Simon Peter in the gospel reading, we can discover that at the very moment when we are most aware of our unworthiness, the Lord is looking ahead to the person we can become and to the role we can play in his work in the world. - **Fr Martin**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Instead of running after superficial satisfactions and playing a role for the benefit of others, we would do better to think about the really important questions in life. Who am I, really? What am I looking for? What direction do I want to give to my life, my decisions and my actions? Why and for what purpose am I in this world? How do I want to look back on my life once it ends? What meaning do I want to give to all my experiences? Who do I want to be for others? Who am I for God? All these questions lead us back to the heart. - **Pope Francis**